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ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

THIS IS MY STATEMENT IN REPLY TO THE STATEMENT RELEASED BY MAJOR R. FRIEND OF THE UFO PROJECT AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON FIELD.

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"etmospheric refraction of the star Capella," a star of the first magnitude. However, in a statement to the U.F.O. Research Committee, a private saucer investigation group in Akron, Stadwee disagreed charply with Major Friend's explacetion of the sightings. Soid Stadyson "Friend's supposition that myself and two other pilots on the first night and one other on the second might saw a refraction of a star, was structly a 'grabbing for strays' deal ..... I have been flying since 1942.... and over the years I have seen many talling stars and other phenomena associated with atmospheric conditions. What we saw was mot an astronomical or meteorological phenomenon. The object (on the first might) dived at us on a collision course to the extant that I schually called out to my passengers that the thing was going to rum us.... I have never seen a star climb and mannuver and I doubt that anyone sise has elther ....

> July 4, Amherst, O. Confirmation of greenish-glowing UFO which former AF homber-pitor reported diving at his plane.

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9 JULY 1961 THE DAYTON DAILY NEWS

### PROBABLY STARLIGHT

## Greenish Object Reported In Akron, Checked by AF

Remember flying saucers? Well, the Foreign Technologies division of the Air Technical Intelligence center here is checking out two sightings of unidentified flying objects made tast week by an Akron man.

Investigating officers think that what Ernie Stadyec, owner-operator of a flying service,
saw was the refraction of a
star. But they won't be sure
until they get detailed weather
data from Akron—probably by
Wednesday.

STADVEC said he sighted the first UFO at 10:15 p.m. on July 4 while flying at about 4,000 feet between Cleveland and Akron. He made the second sighting the next night about the same time.

Maj. Robert Friend, of the Technologies division at Wright-Patterson Air Force base, said its thinks Stadued saw the atmospheric refraction of the first magnitude star Capella. "EVERYTHING in his report points to this," Friend said. "The direction, the hour and everything else."

Friend added that the description fits other reports of atmospheric refraction made in the past.

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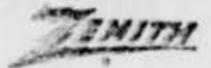
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shooting straight upward and disappearing,

Stadyec, a World War II pilot, said he could not identify the object,

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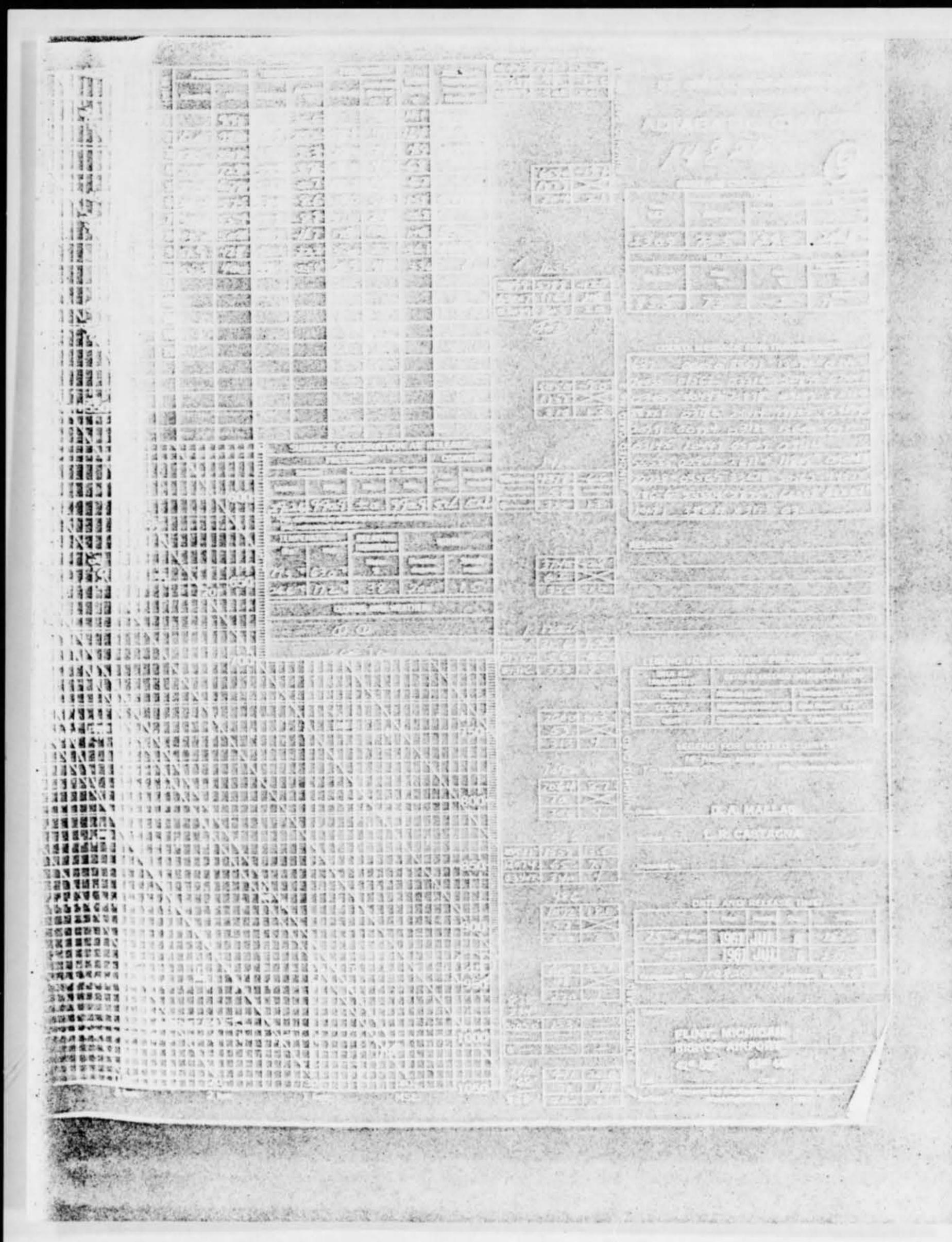
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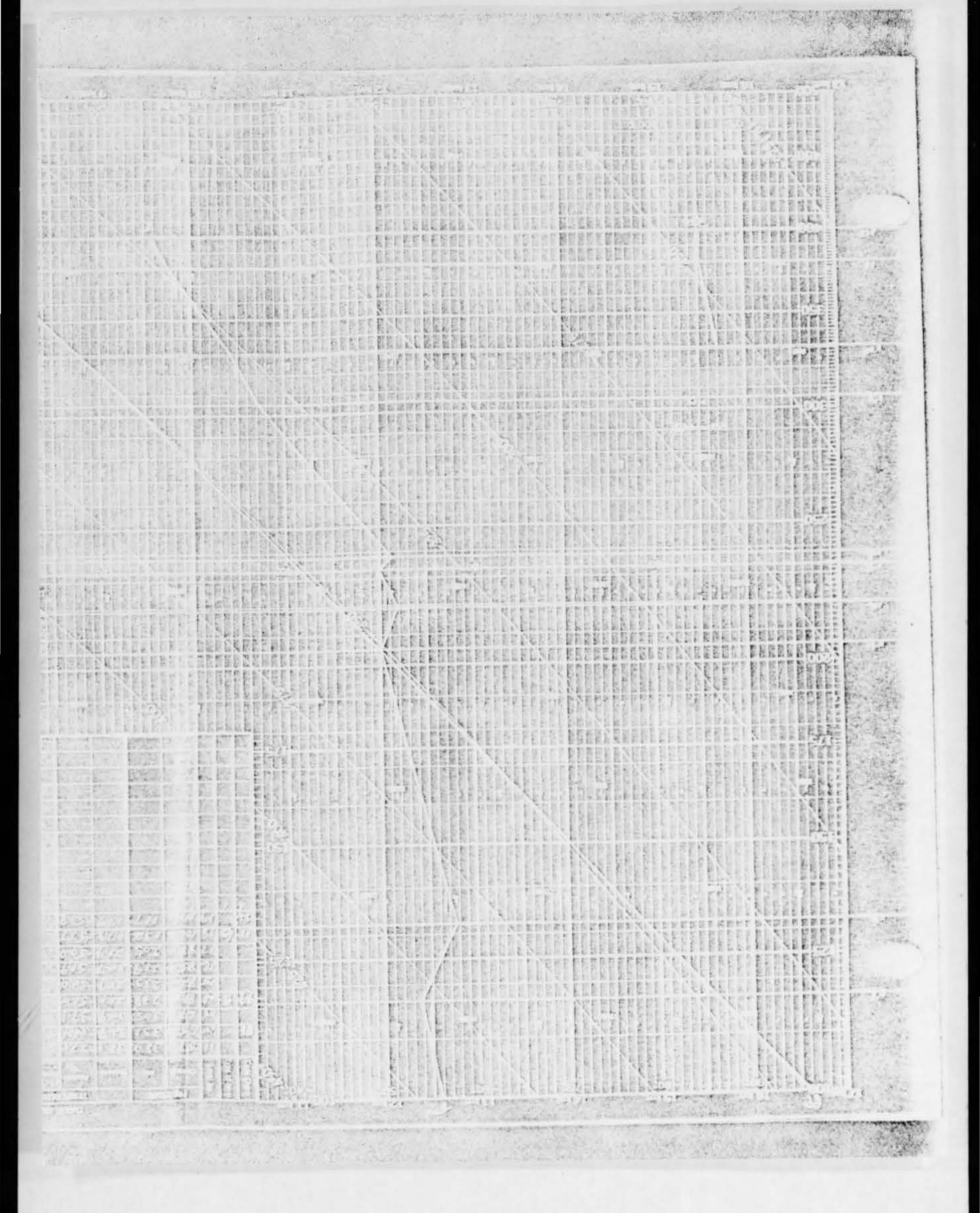
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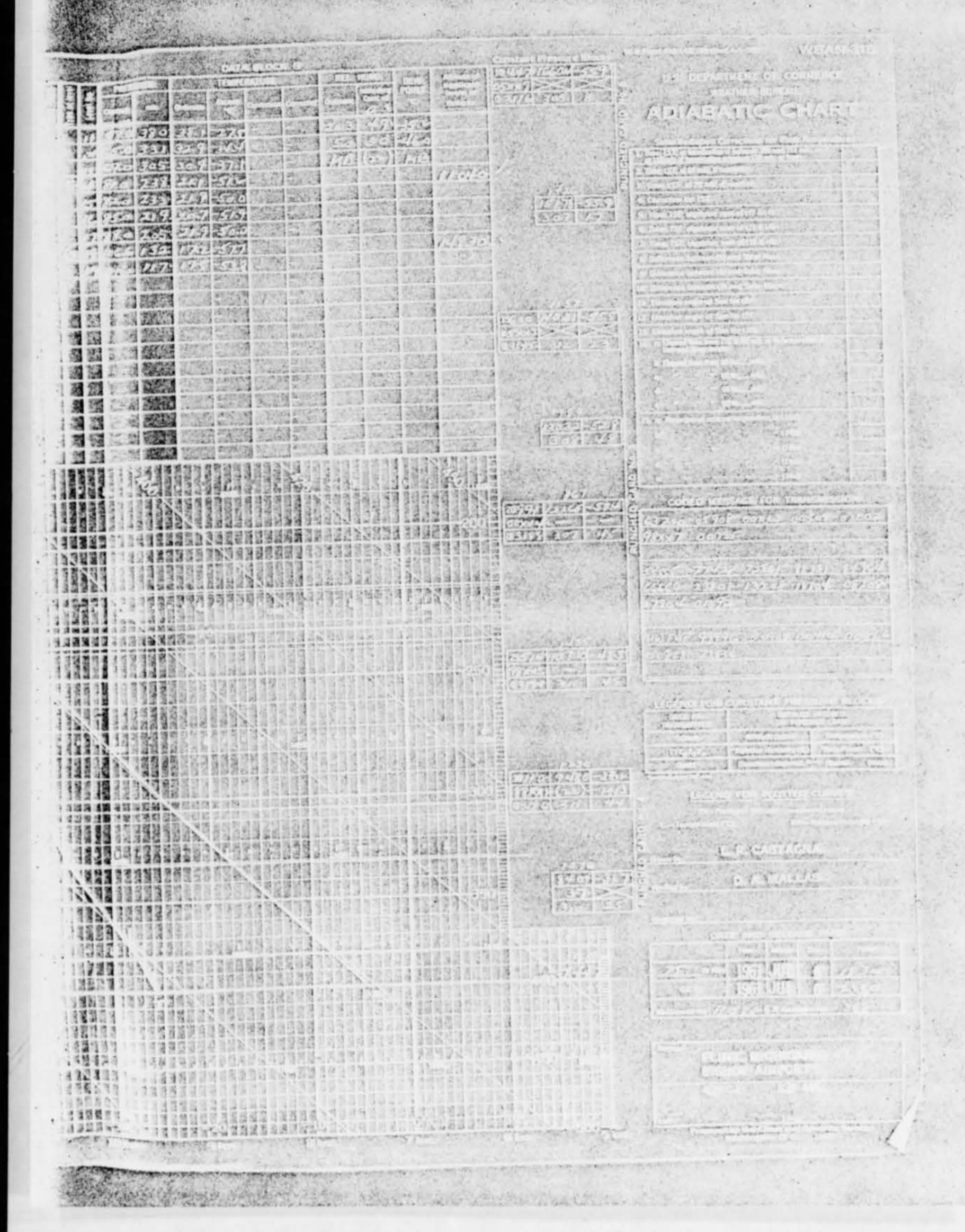
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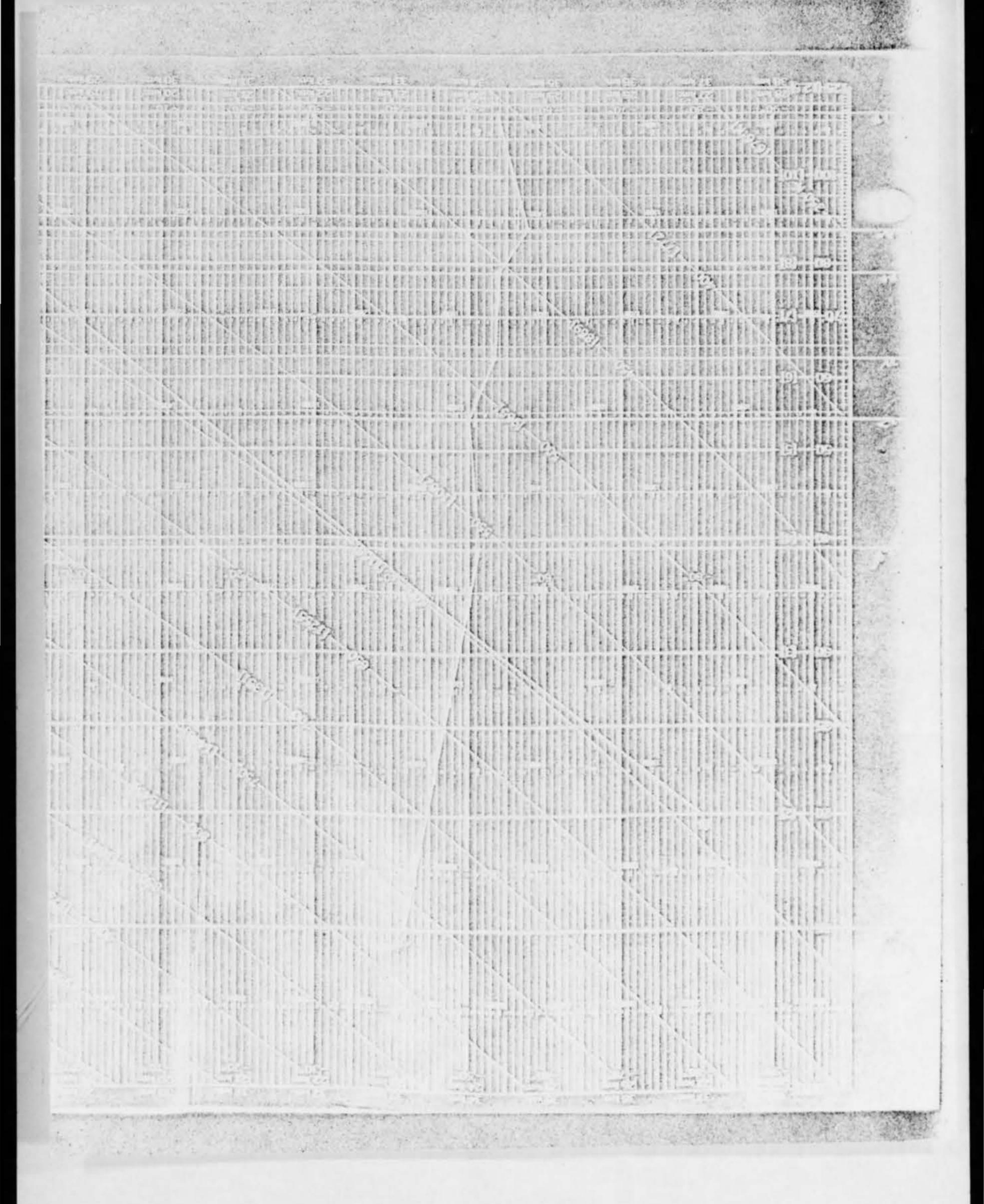
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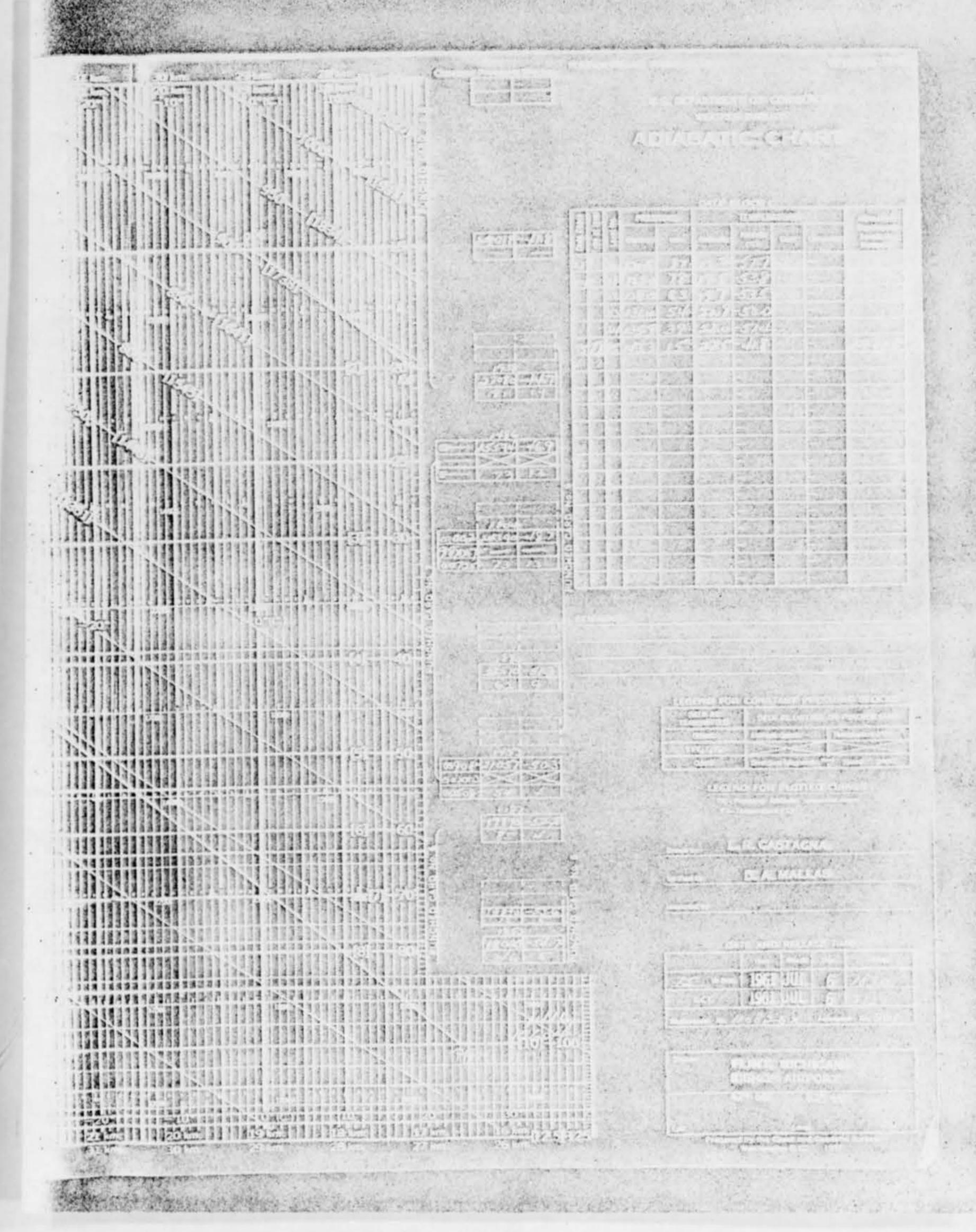
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of Stadyec Aviation, Inc., Akron, was flying between Akron and Cleveland with two passengers, when he saw a greenish object
come from about one o'clock high on a collision course with his plane. It stopped,
then went 330 degrees azimuth (NNW) and stopped again, before shooting straight up
and disappearing.

The next night, about the same time, he again saw the greenish object. This time he said it came straight down, then went off to the north-northwest, not repeating

the erratic movements of the night before.

Major Robert Friend, of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, said he believed that the pilot saw an "atmospheric refraction of the (first magnitude) star Capella." This

theory seems unlikely.

The clipping we have (sent to us by a Cincinnati CUFCR member) doesn't say whether was flying toward Cleveland or Akron, so we'll study it both ways. If he was going toward Cleveland, one o'clock would be just about due north. Therefor, we have a star coming down from a high elevation in the north, stopping, then nowing toward the north-northwest, stopping again, then disappearing upward.

If he was going toward Akron, one o'clock would be due south, producing similar-

ly unlikely antics for a first magnitude star to perform.

data about the July Fourth sighting (page 3). Among the items of interest a 17-year old girl in Westlake, Ohio reported seeing a red-orange object at 10:10 pm; An object was picked up on radar at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport tower at about the same time as saw the greenish object.

The most important item was a statement given to the UFO Research Committee (whi sent the data to us) by Mr. I in which he repudiated the Air Force theory that

he saw a star.

"Why didn't this Air Force man (Maj. Friend) take the time to investigate furthe before making anystatement at all?" He continued, "His supposition that (we) saw a re-

fraction of the star Capella was strictly a grabbing for 'straws' deal.

"Over the years I have seen many falling stars and other phenomena associated with atmospharic conditions as well. What we saw was not an astronomical or meteorological phenomena. The object we saw dived at us on a collision course to the extent
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the object came at us it reversed course and climbed rapidly into a clear night sky."

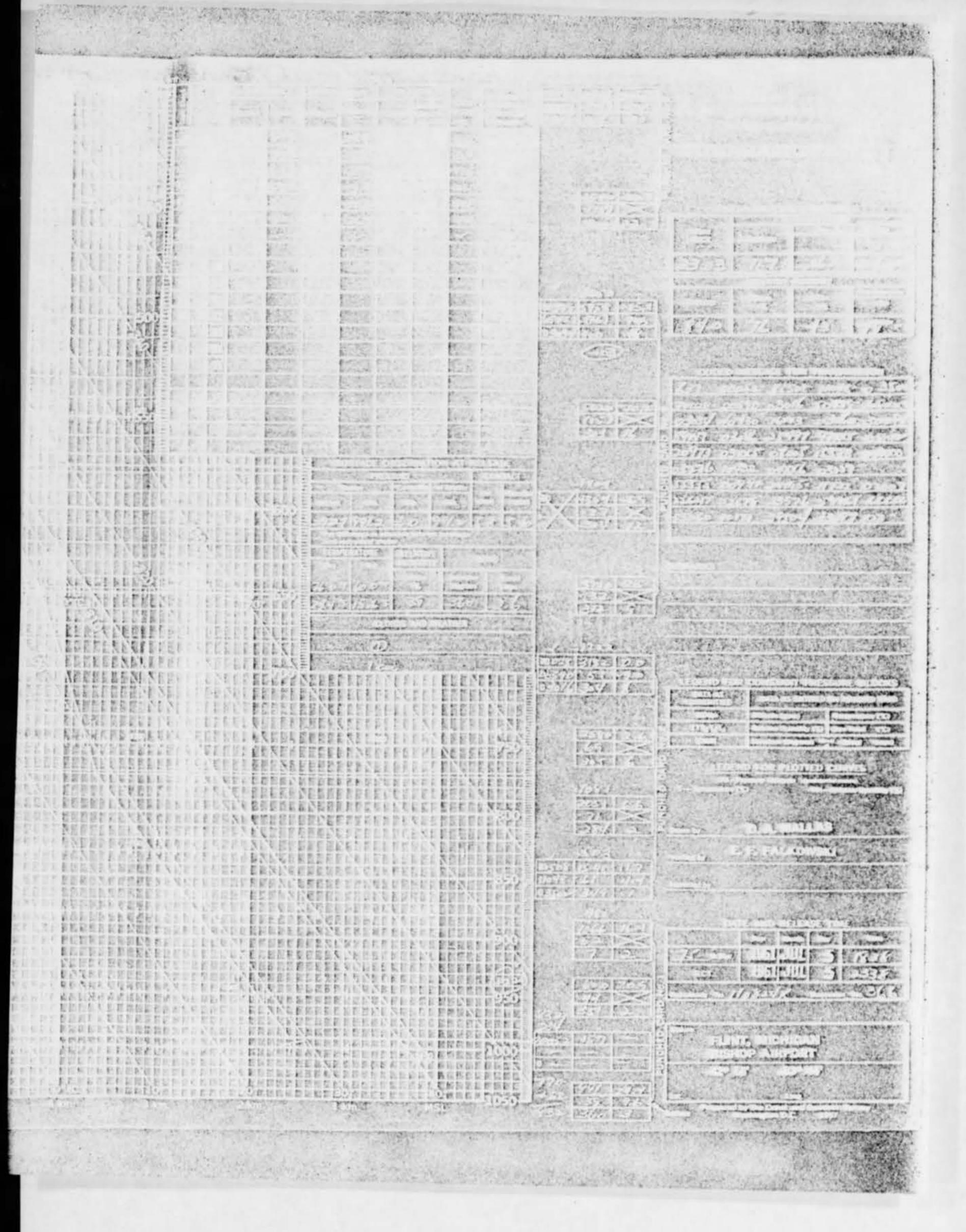
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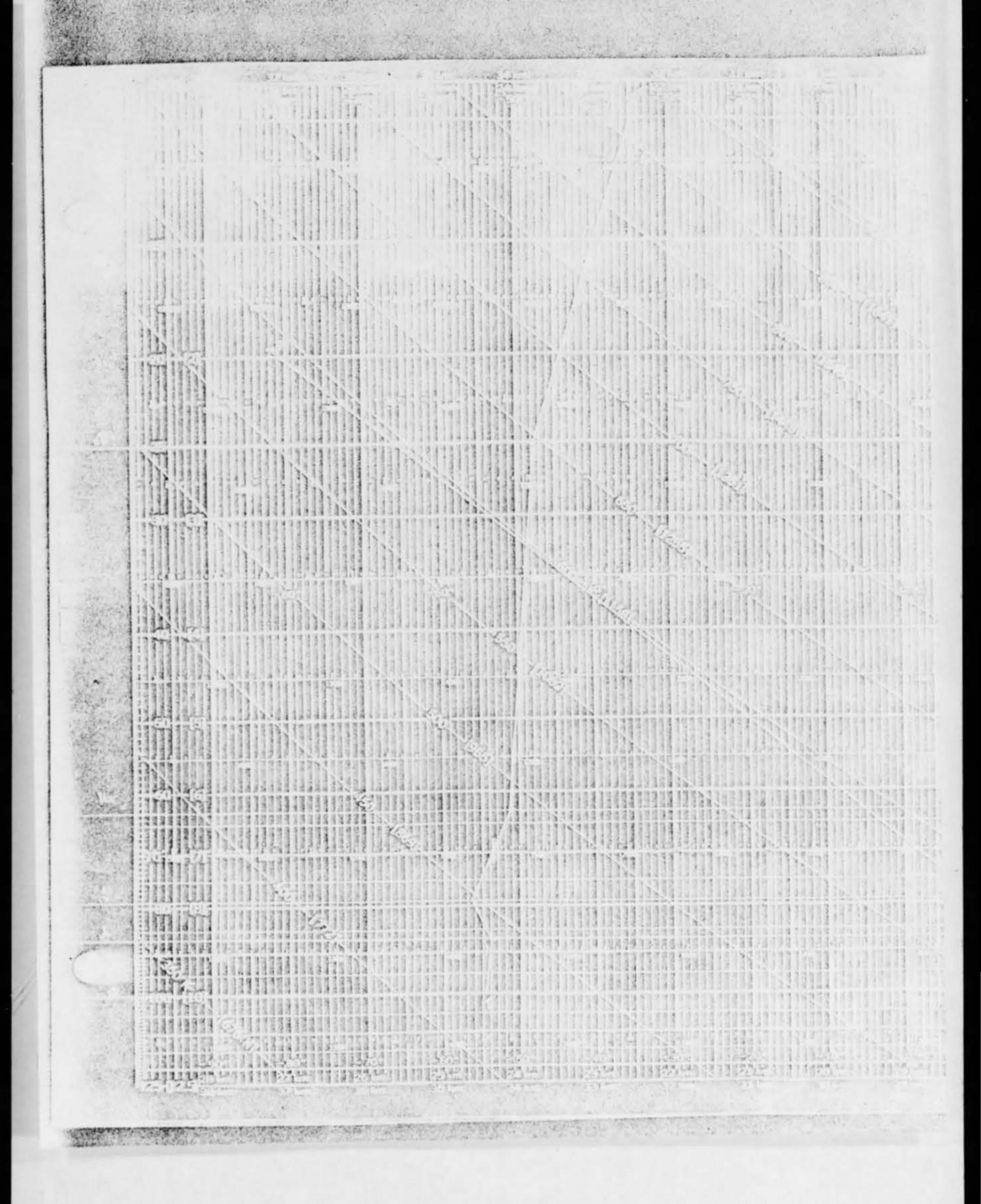
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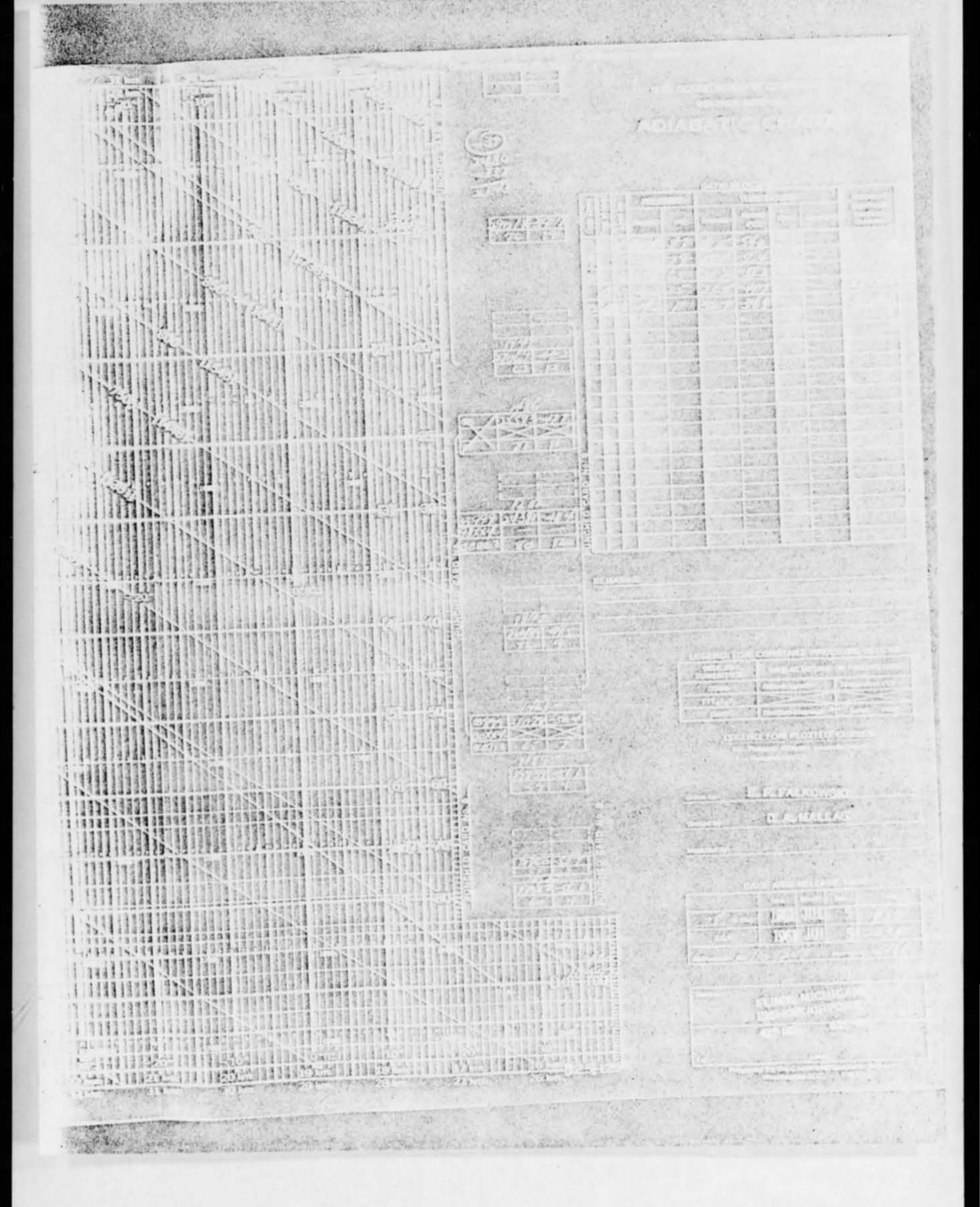
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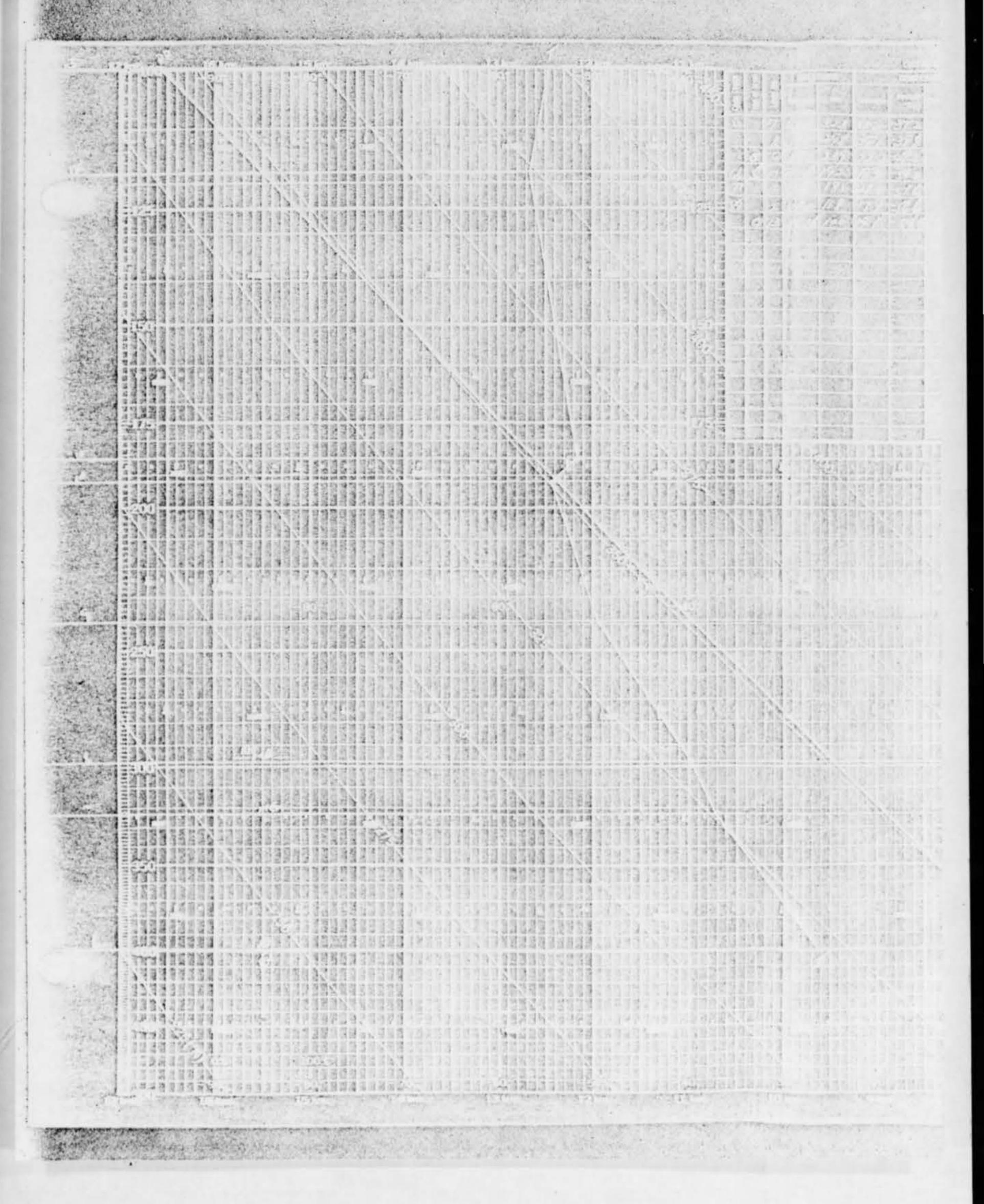
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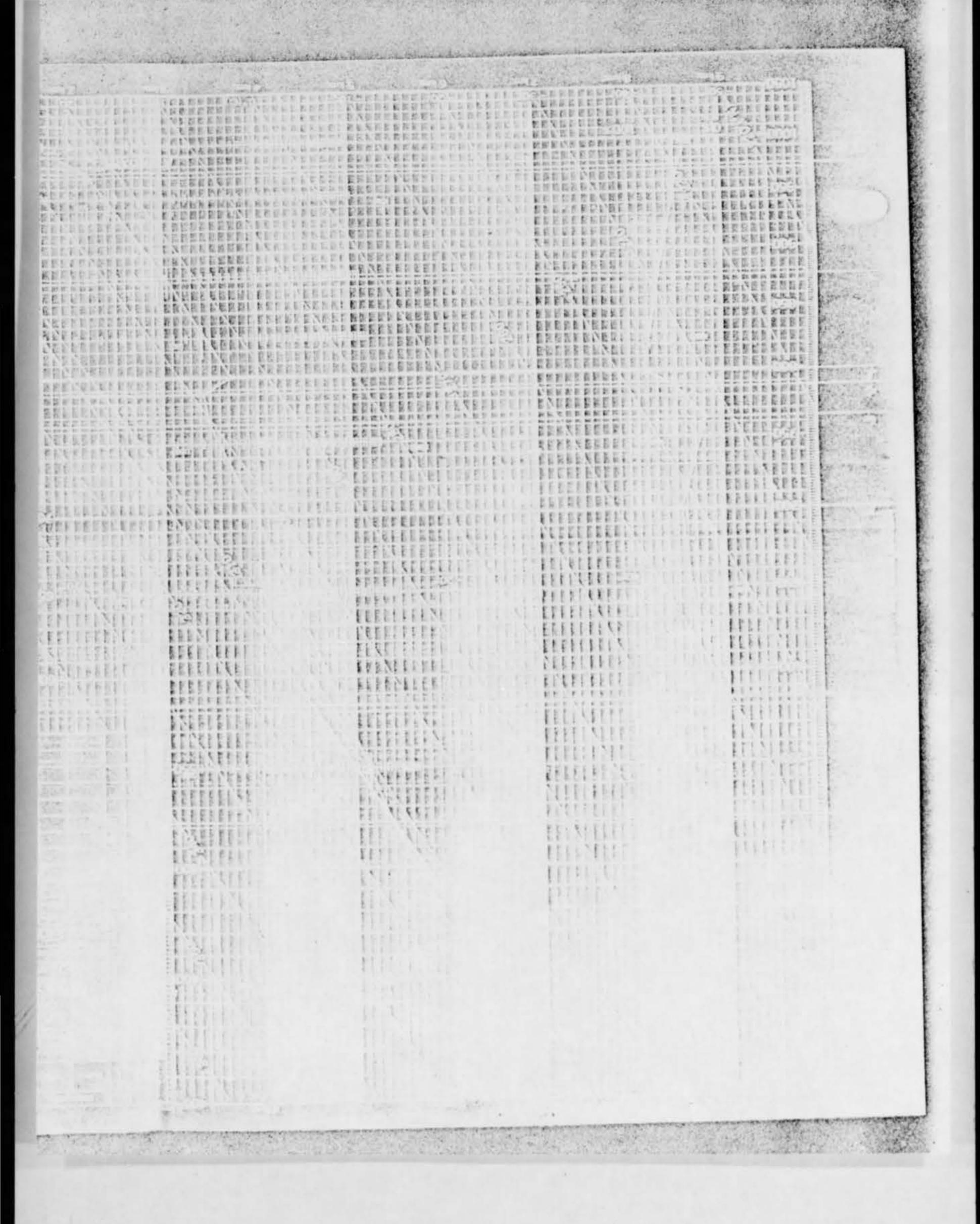


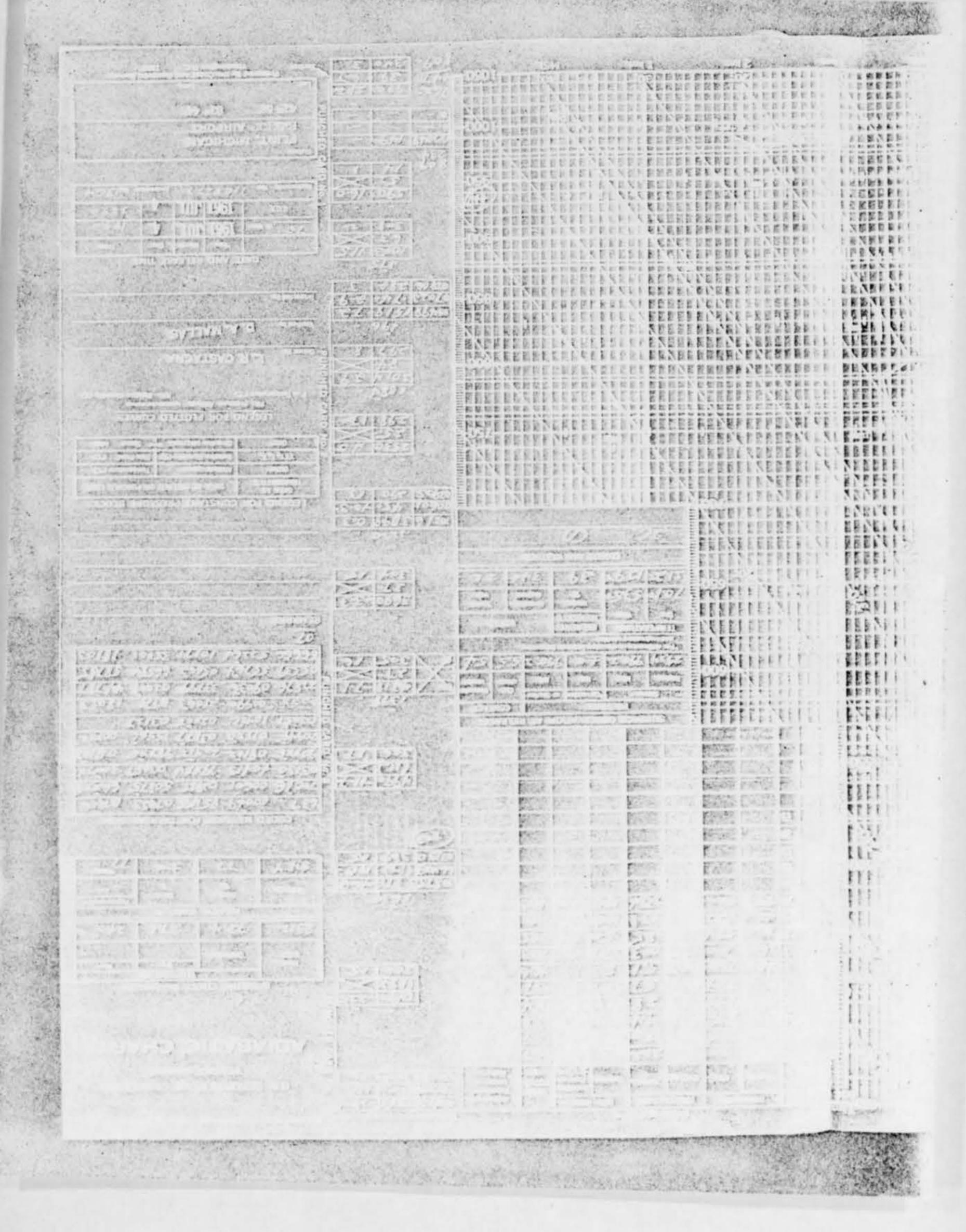


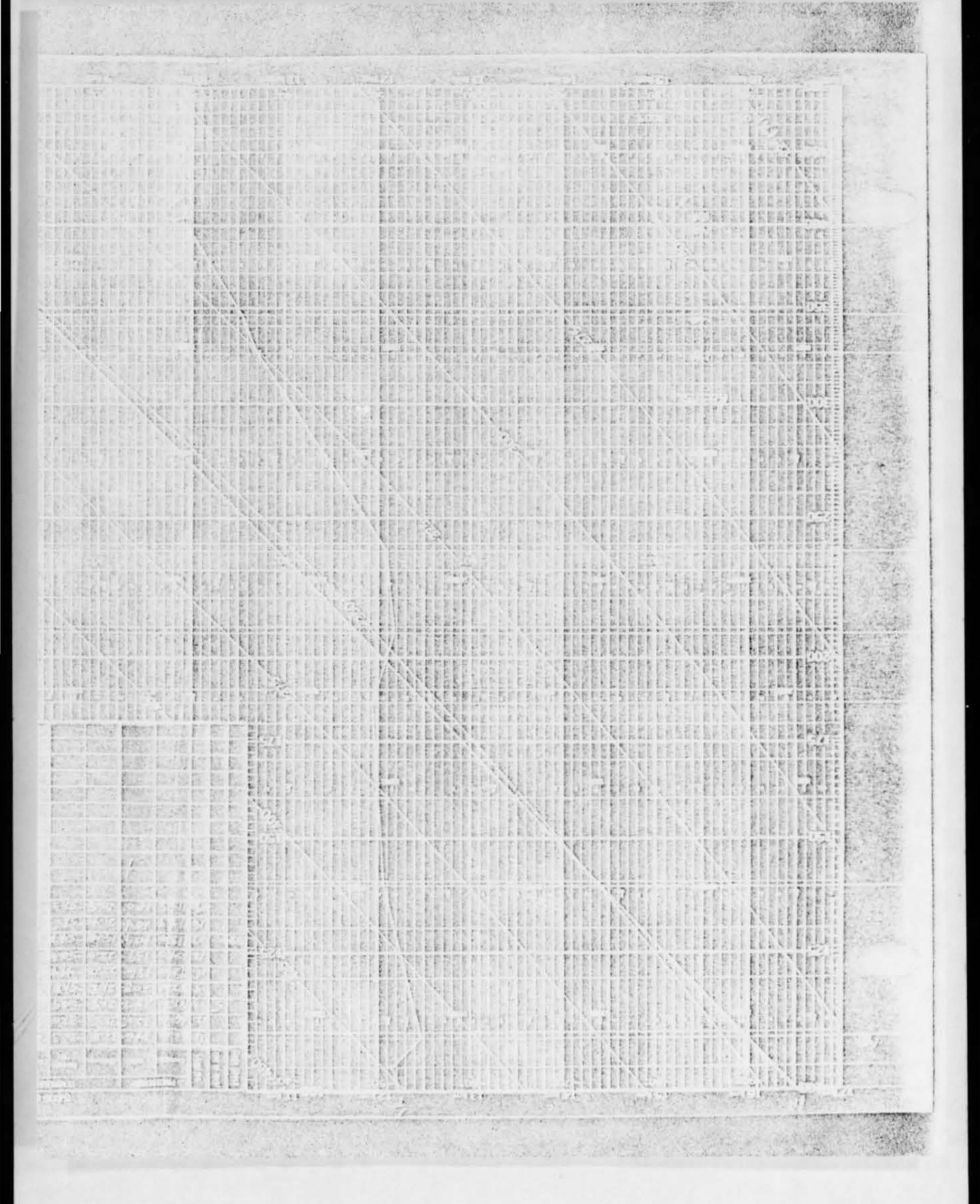


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Information from phone conversation with Mr JOHN GEIB of Claveland-Hopkins Airport.

At about 14,30 10, July, 1961 mr and the Supervisor of Operations at Cleveland-Hopkins Airport was contacted at CL 2-1774 concerning an object sighted by Mr. Hr stated that Mr and did not report the sighting to the airport. He further stated that he received a call from a newspapermen who first established to whom he was talking. He was then asked if he knew Mr. And Mr and Mr replied in the affermative. He stated that he knew Mr. The flew out of the airport. The newsman then asked if the tower had seen anything and Mr and didn't know but offered to check. He called the tower and they reported that a light had flashed across the pky like a falling star. Mr passed this on to the newsman and was asked if anything had been picked up on Radar. He replied that he didn't know, adding that he doubted it. Mr and flatly stated that he did not see anything, nor did he receive a report of anything. He further stated that he hid talked to Mr and on the 7th or 8th of July and Mr did not mention the sighting.

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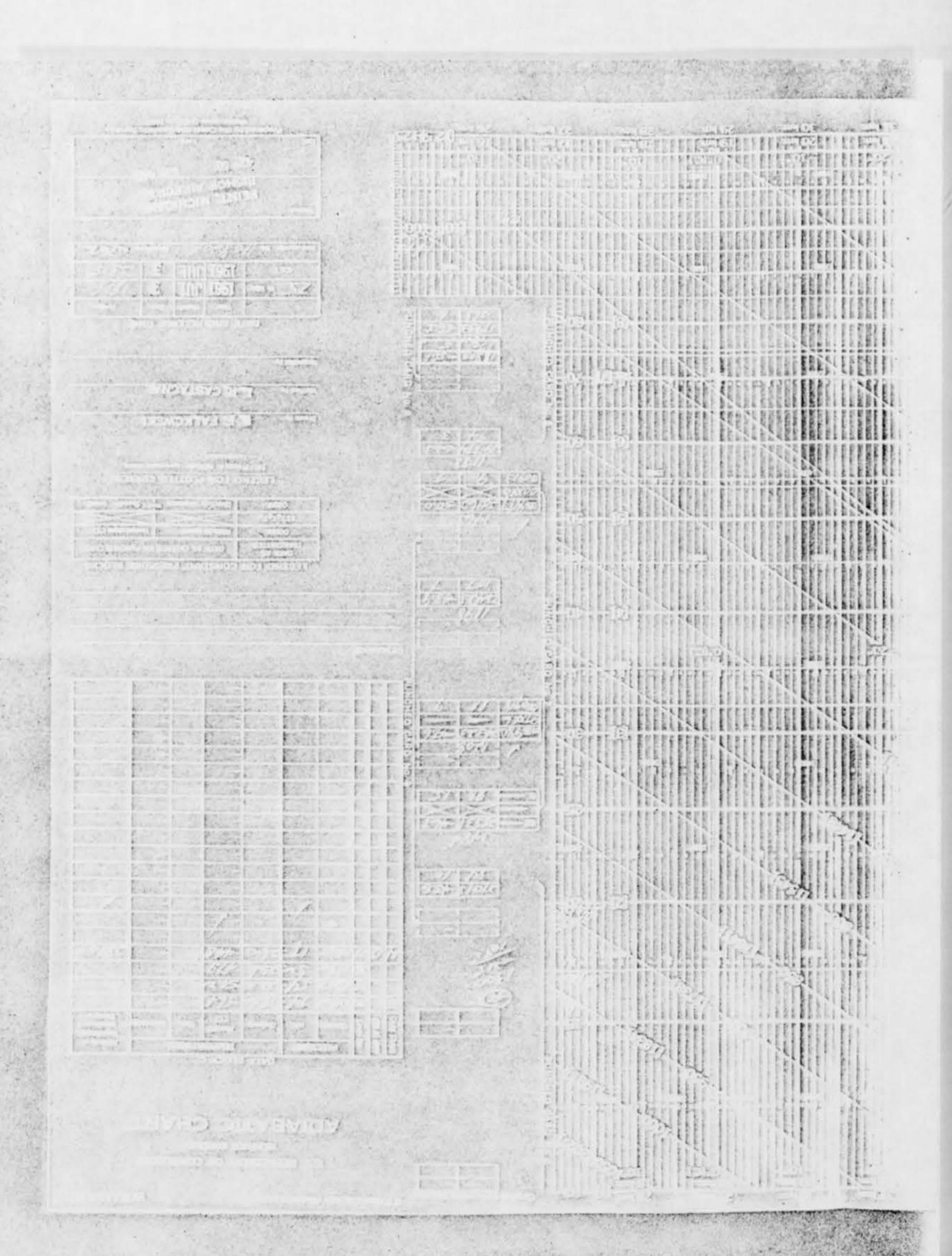
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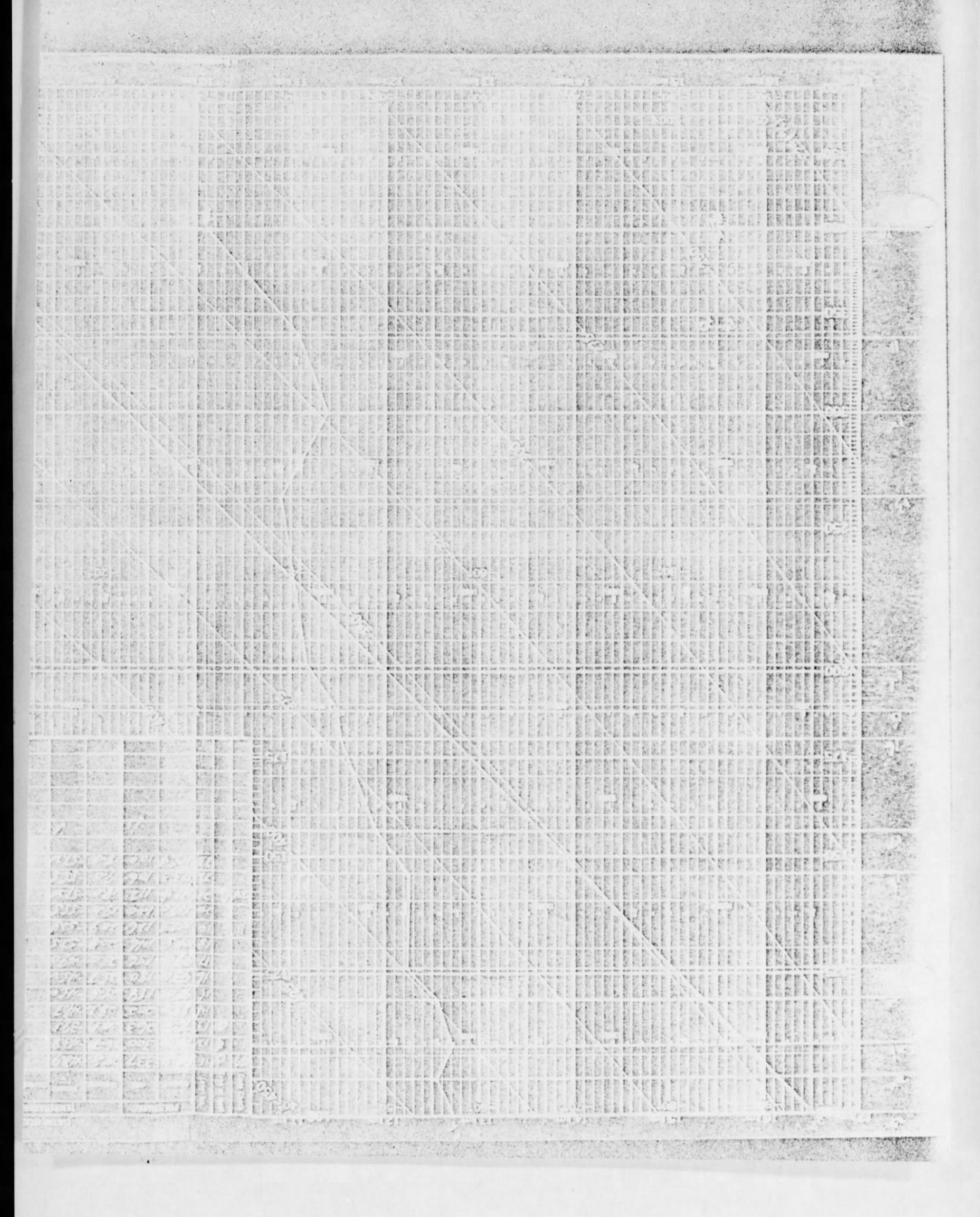
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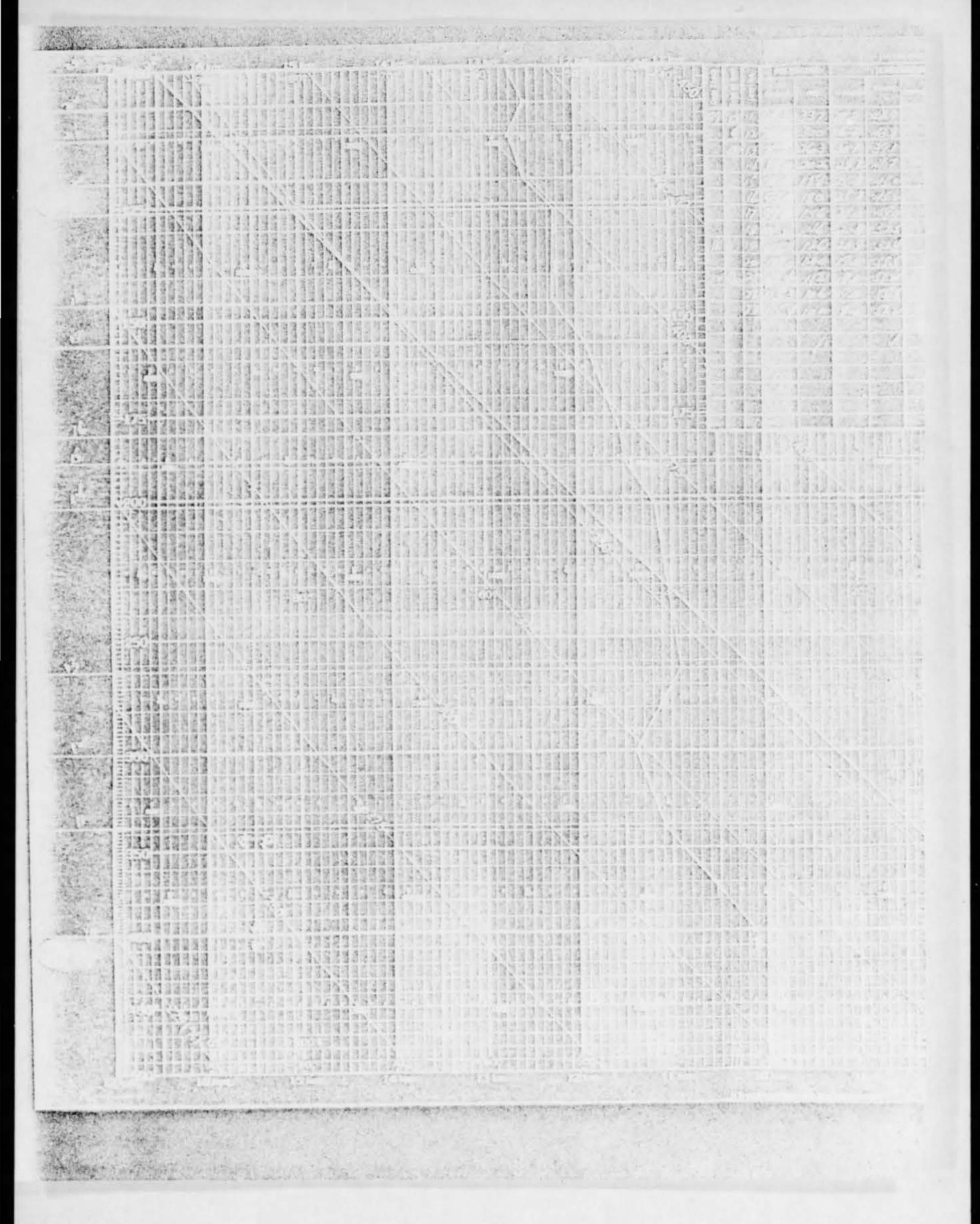
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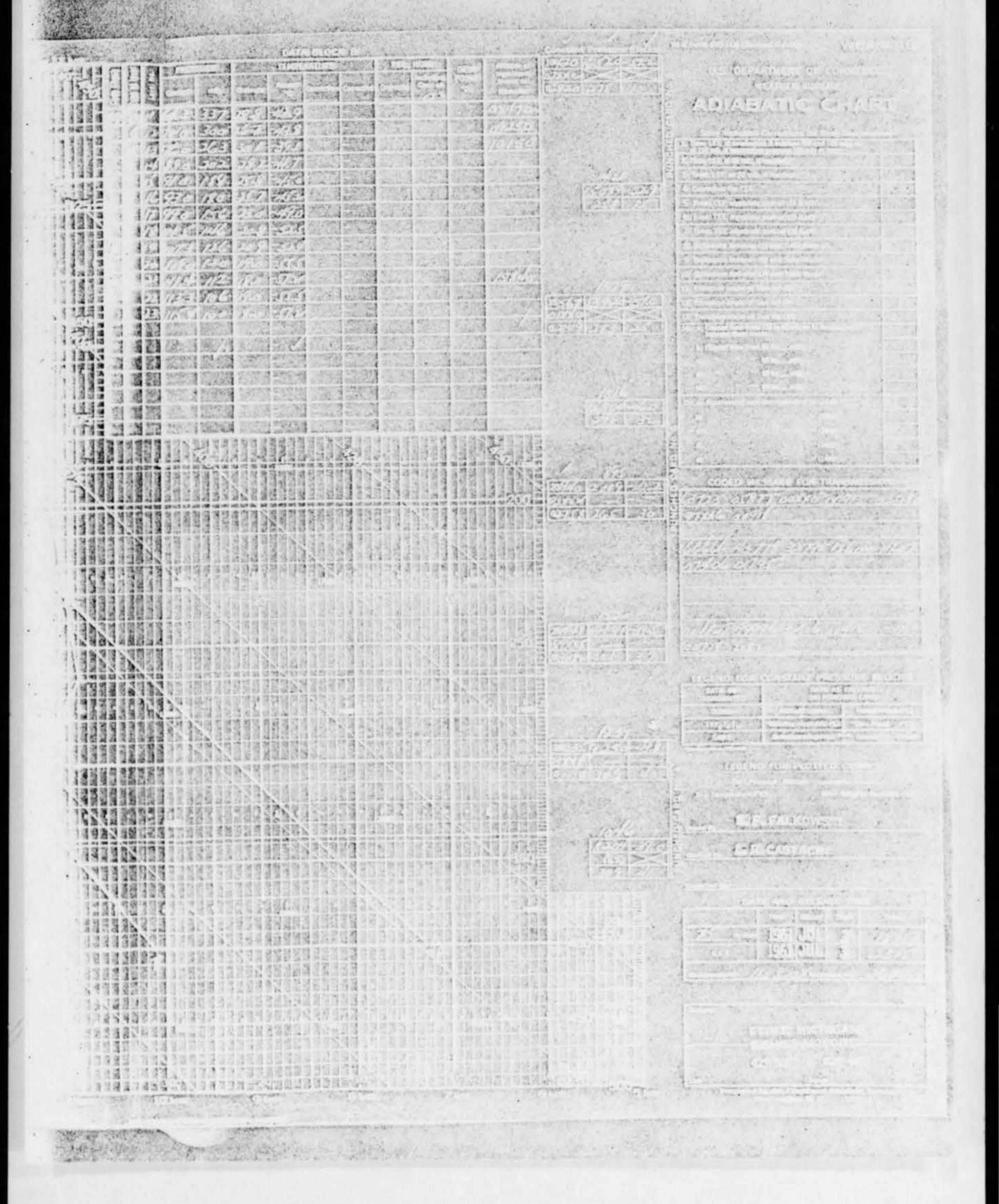
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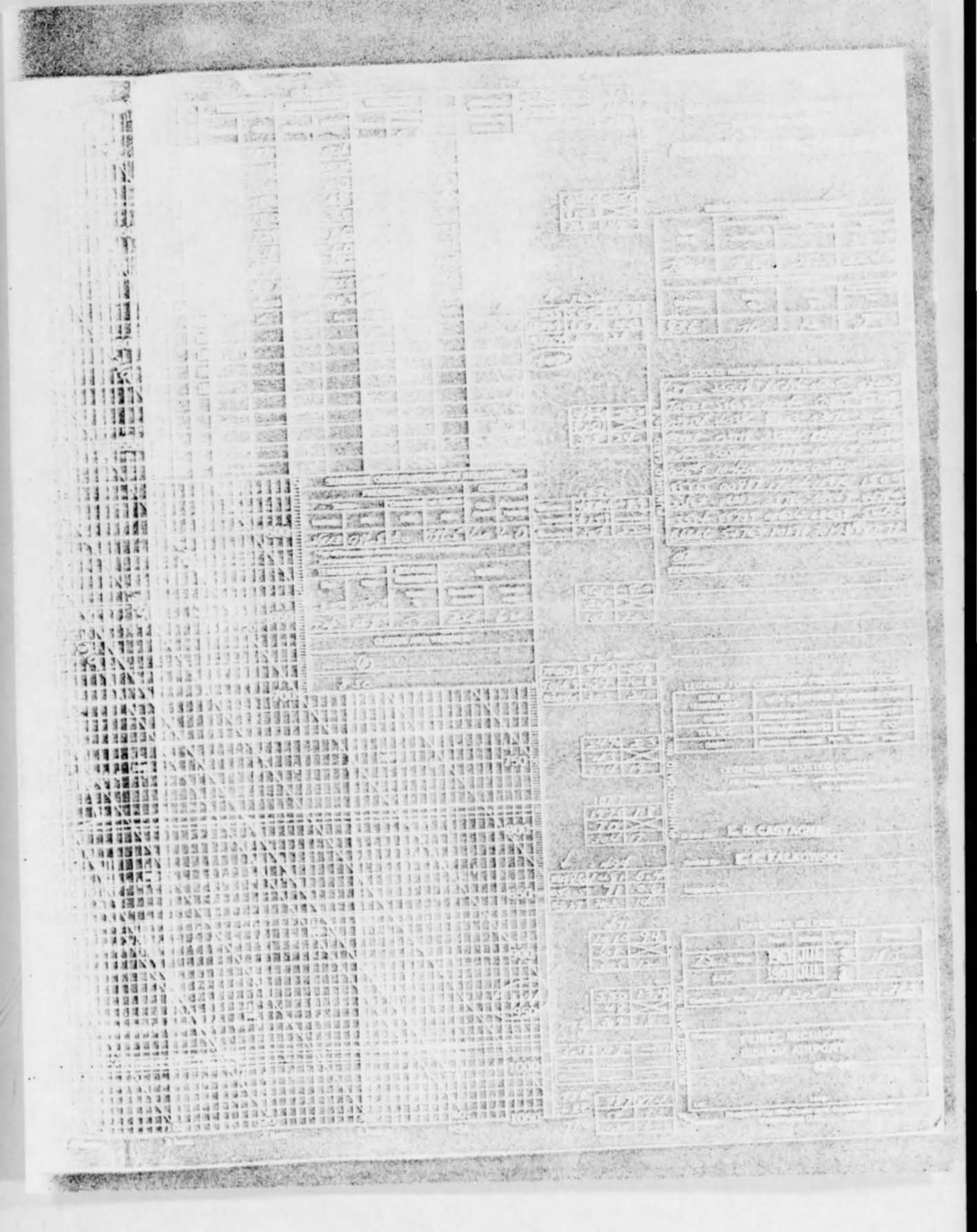


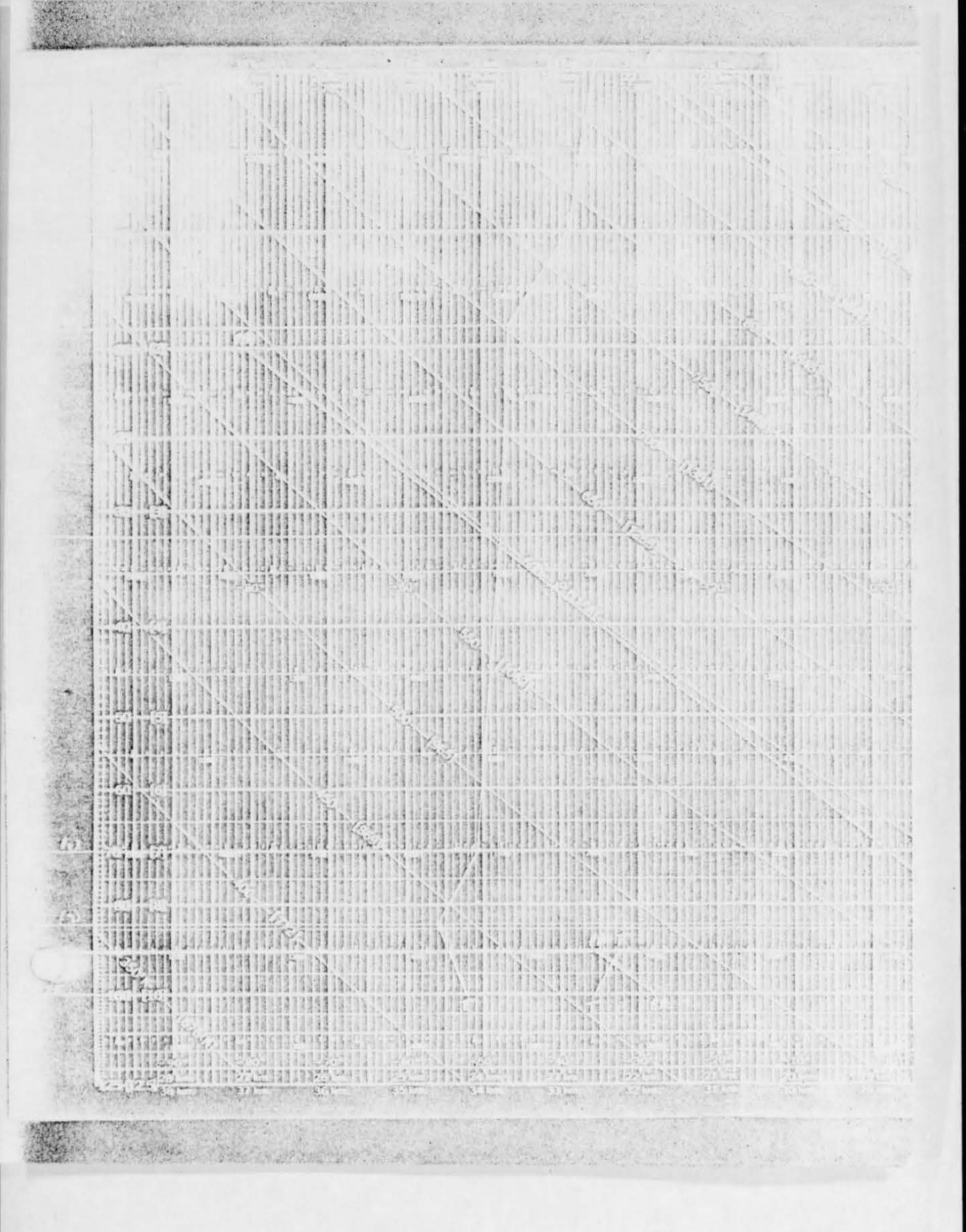


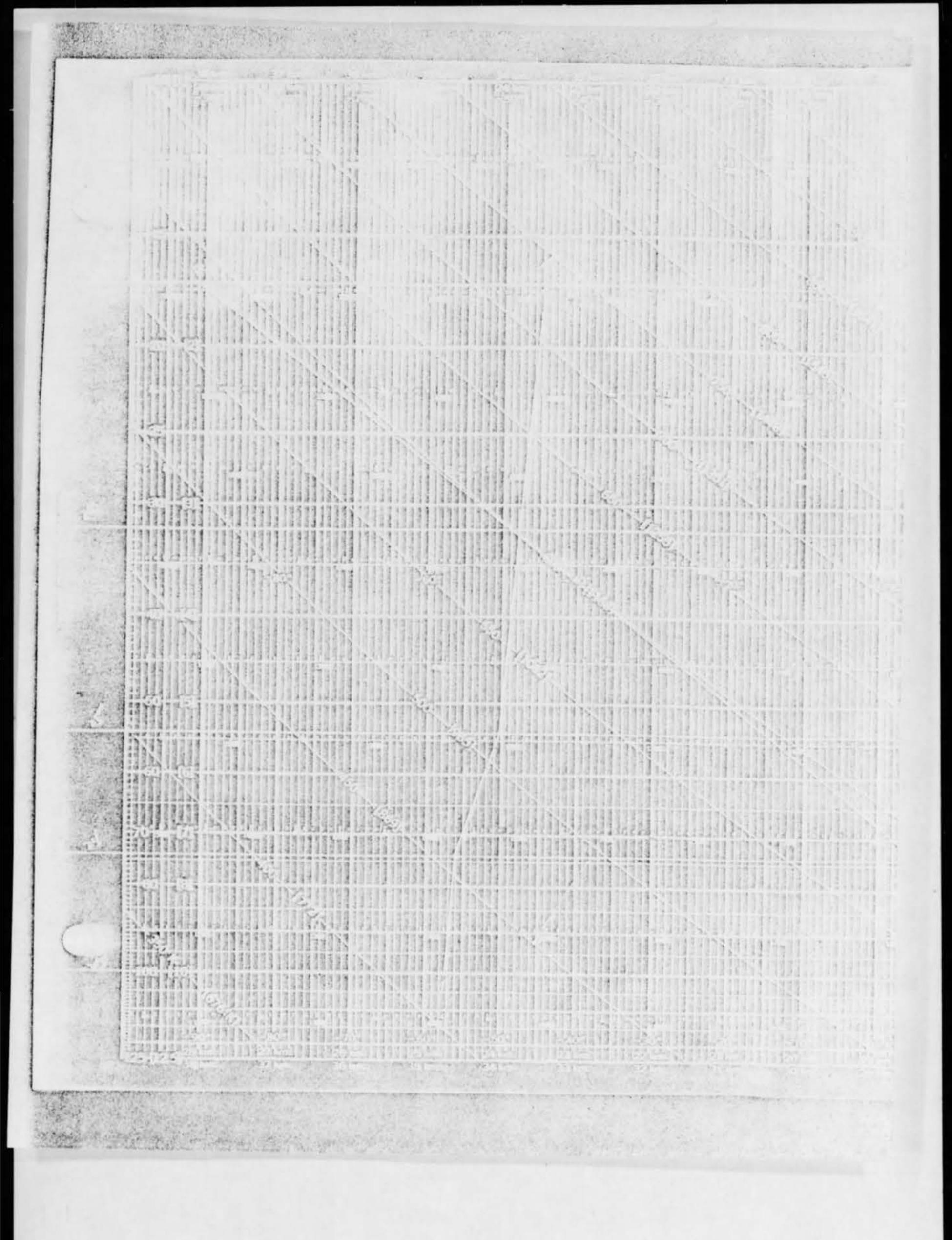




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Additional Notes: Thursday night shortly after 10PM Nr. 10 and Nr went up to look for the object at the advice of Major Friedd. They were informed as to the time and location that the object would appear. They went up at 1020 FM and reported no sighting. Nr. 10 was the passanger on the second flight that Nr. 10 male. (Sighting on 5 July). Subsequent to the third flight (Thursday 10 July) no additional information was given to the press by these gentlemen. They reported that they had not observed the phenomena, however it seems logical that they would have made much ado had the Air Force been "wrong", especially in view of Mr. concern with the UFC Program.

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Akron 19, Ohio October 6, 1961

Dear Lajor Coleman:

I wrote you three months ago in regard to the sighting of 7 July over the Akron area by pilot
and others. I received your letter, dated 18 July, state
ing that "This investigation...cannot be concluded until
complete data is received- a period of at least three weeks
from now."

Would you please send me the conclusion that ATIC has reached concerning this sighting.

Also, would you please send me the latest News Helease, Fact Sheet, Air Force UFO Report. Thank you.

Yours truly,

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Bear Mr.

VI have your letter of October 5th concerning the Akron sighting of July 7th.

The conclusion on this case was that Mr. and others probably witnessed an abmospheric refraction of the star Alpha Auriga (Capella). About a month ago I was returning from St. Louis in a two beater jet at might, flying at 29,000 feet. In the rear seat I had a vetwan pilot (jet) who has logged several thousand hours. The time of our flight coincided with the rise of Capella as we were passing over central Ohio. I maked this pilot to look at the object near the horison (Capella) without telling him what it was, and to wine a description of it for the next few minutes. He was somewhat excited as we watched the various apparent changes in light and position (apparent perturbration) of the star. At about the time he was convinced it was a moving object (it appeared to come toward us - would disappear and response) I told him what it was. On the ground later, we looked at the star, now much higher above the horison. Alpha Auriga is often the culprit in astronomical nightings.

I hope this information is helpful. The latest fact sheet (Jan 61) is enclosed.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR. Major, USAF UFO Project Officer Public Information Division Office of Information

Akron 19, Ohio

### Akron Flier Sights Mystery Object

A veteran Akron flyer has reported spotting an unidentified flying object on successive nights over Akron this wenk.

Stadyec Aviation Inc. and a Wednesday nights. He said a former World War II B-29 flight Thursday night "to see pilot, described 'a brilliant if I could get another look at green and white object" which whatever it was" turned up he saw as he flew over North- nothing.

Ernie Stadvec, operator of west Akron Tuesday and

Sunday, July 16, 1961

# Ernie Is Sure He Saw

By HELEN WATERHOUSE

Ermie Stadvec, operator of Stadvec Aviation, Inc., declared vehemently he wasn't just "seeing stars" as some are trying to make out. But he also wishes he had never spotted that unidentified flying object the other night.

"I've had hundreds of calls since and they've taken a lot of time," Stadvec reports. "But the worst is the men down at the Wright Patterson Air Force base, as usual, tried to make us look ridiculous for reporting such a phenomena.

"Maj. Robert Fried Read of the U. S. Unidentified Flying Object Project at the Dayton field who called us three times that day decided it was the reflection or 'refractor' from the star 'Capella."

"But five people, including myself, saw this object and even the Cleveland radar, tower reported it on its radar screen. We all know it didn't behave like any falling star. It first came right at us as we were flying around making a radio broadcast-and we saw it climb. Whoever heard of a falling star climbing?"

HERE IS the way the sightings were described:

"Tuesday night, about 10:15, I was flying with two other Akron men at about 5,000 feet," said Stadvec. "At about one o'clock we spotted this brilliant green and white light suspended in the air off to our right.

"Suddenly whatever it was dived toward us and I thought it was going to hit us. But it stopped just as suddenly, made a 130-degree turn and climbed out of our vison into a haze layer.

Stadvec said he first thought it was a jet, but later decided it "couldn't have been."

THE NEXT night, flying about 4,500 feet, Stadvec sald. he saw the same greenish light while he was heading toward Cleveland Hopkins Airport.

"This time the object began climbing and sped off," he said. 'The Cleveland Control Tower reported it also had seen the light, but could offer no explanation what it was."

Stadyee said he had seen the same sort of greenish light while flying grer Japan during World Was II.

### Akron Flier Tells of Strange Bright Green Light in Air

Plala Dealer Eureau

AKRON, O .- Ernie Stadyec, from the northwest. owner of a small fleet of airplanes here, yesterday said he saw an unidentified flying oh- powered rockets," he said. ject on Tuesday and Wednesnights while on flights in the a winglight on a jet. Akron-Cleveland area.

The former World Wer II bomber pilot, operator of Stadvec Aviation Inc., said that " while he and two other Akron men were flying over northwest Akron they spotted a brilliant green and white light suspended on his right.

The light approached them. he said, and then broke off into a 180-degree turn into a haze layer.

similar light Wednesday night light. while approaching Cleveland Hopkins Airport. The light began climbing and sped off, he said.

Object on Endar

An object that behaved like! a fulling star showed up at about the same time Wednesday on radar screens at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport tower, according to Operations Supervisor John M. Gieb.

He said the object flared up! on the screen and faded out in a matter of minutes.

The Unidentified Flying Object report unit, 6172 Wilson Mills Road, Richmond Heights. had an unconfirmed report of fast. an orange-red object sighted over Westlake at 10:10 p.m. Wednesday.

Fred H. Sylvanus of the UFO unit said the report was phoned giri.

Stadvec said he was giving a flying weather report for Radio Station WAKE Tuesday night, flying at about 4,500 feet.

when a green light appeared

"At first I thought it was some kids shooting off high-

"Then I thought it might be

"It came at us at a terrific speed, then veered off at a 180-degree angle and disappeared into a haze layer.

"I called the control tower at Hopkins.

"It was diving at a 1 o'clock position and I was afraid of a collision.

"I knew it wasn't a winglight because the way it was coming at us would have put it on the wrong side and it Stadvic said he spotted a became too large for a wing-

> "It finttened out at about 10,000 feet.

> "I would say it came within three-quarters or a half-mile of

> > Two With Him

With him were Charles Richard Swain, an Akron truck driver, and Clyde Skelton, an employe of WAKR.

Skelton said he saw the chject and his first impression was that it was fireworks.

"It appeared to get relatively close but because we couldn't see what its total size was, you can't tell," Skelton said. "Its rate of closure was extremely

"It was a very brilliant green. I have no idea at all what it might have been.

"If it was a high-speed jet, it must have been extremely in by a 17-year-old Westlake close. But if it was farther away, no jet I know of could have moved that fast."